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GOT TRAILS? NEW SECTION OF MA AND PA TRAIL OPENS

(Bel Air, MD - June 9, 2008) - The warm June weather did not deter a large gathering of trail enthusiasts from gathering Saturday to officially open the newest segment of

Harford County's Ma and Pa Trail. The dedication of the trail, which took place in conjunction with National Trail Day, was held at the new trailhead near Annie's Playground. A contingent of families on bicycles, couples with their dogs, and many hiking enthusiasts gathered around for the official ribbon cutting before starting off on an inaugural trek.

At approximately 1.25 miles in length, the new trail section extends the Ma and Pa trail from Tollgate Road near the Parks and Recreation Headquarters Building to the Parks and Recreation Facility at Edgely Grove Farm in the Fallston area.

Harford County Executive David R. Craig, who was on hand for the dedication, believes the new portion of the trail is the most beautiful yet. "Enhancing the quality of life for Harford County citizens is an important initiative that guides my administration," said Mr. Craig. "The Ma and Pa Trail provides an excellent opportunity for the entire family to enjoy the natural wonder of the county."

Those who walk or bike the new trail will enjoy two scenic overlooks, 880 feet of boardwalk, and a 90-foot crossing of Winters Run. "From Annie's Playground here in Fallston to Liriodendron in Bel Air, the Ma and Pa Trail is now a scenic connector of two wonderful facilities in two communities," said Joe Pfaff, Harford County's Director of Parks and Recreation. The entire trail is now approximately four miles in length and also passes amenities such as the Equestrian Center and the Ma and Pa Trail Dog Park. The Bel Air terminus of the trail is located on Williams Street.

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